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Convicted Sex Offender Sentenced for Taking Pictures of Girls

A former attorney and convicted sex offender was sentenced today to 12 years in state prison for following girls around and taking their pictures, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Emily Cole said the sentence against Yale Yurman, 71, comes after he pleaded no contest on July 31 to one count of annoying a child under the age of 18 with a prior sex crime conviction in case PAO77434.

Yurman was caught on June 18, 2013, following girls as young as 6 years old at a store and then taking pictures of their legs and back side, the prosecutor said. He later admitted to using the pictures for sexual gratification, the prosecutor added.

Yurman had been convicted in 1987 of seven counts of forcible lewd act upon a child under 14 and five counts of forcible oral copulation. He was sentenced to 30 years in state prison but served 15 years. To gain access to the victims in that case he posed as a doctor and went to individual homes under the pretense of checking the water for bacteria.

The current case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Station.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.